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## BI-METALLISM.

NEWS from Washington that Secretary McAdoo and members of congress are taking up for discussion the suggestion first put forward by English monetary authorities that the gold standard be abandoned for bi-metallism has aroused great interest among New York's bankers and financial leaders. While practically all are agreed that something must be done to provide a larger base for the expanding credit needs of the world, there is considerable difference of opinion regarding the proper course to bring this about.

Albert Breton, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust company, says that there is no sound reason against a bi-metallism standard if the leading nations all agree to it, says the New York Commercial, leading financial journal.

"Now that we are a lending instead of a borrowing nation," said Mr. Breton, "any sound arrangement that would expand our credit capacity would be a good thing. If we could base our credit capacity on our huge stock of silver as well as on gold we would be in a position to finance the war and the reconstruction period after peace comes on a much more extensive scale than our present restrictions allow. As we are, with Mexico, by far the largest producers of silver in the world, it would appear that the new plan would be a benefit to us."

"China and India are now the only countries on a silver basis, but there are no overwhelming difficulties in making the suggested change. If the leading nations agree that silver shall be regarded equally with gold as a standard of value, the other questions liable to hinder the effective working of the plan would be comparatively trivial."

That bi-metallism might prove a cure for the inflation which now threatens our currency was suggested to a New York Commercial representative by J. Horace Harding, of C. D. Barney & Co.

"If bi-metallism could be demonstrated to be a remedy for inflation I think all financial authorities would be in favor of it as the lesser of two evils," he said. "There is nothing in the proposal to scare anybody, because such a change would take a long time to carry out and there are numerous questions in connection with it that would have to be the subject for international negotiation."

Other bankers pointed out that there is a great deal of popular misconception about gold, especially as regards the huge external loans of all the great powers. It is true, they said, that the bonds which represent these loans are made payable in gold, but as the amount of bonds exceeds the total gold in the world many times over, it is clear that to pay them all in gold would be a physical impossibility.

Memories of Bryan's first campaign for the presidency in 1896, when he ran on a platform demanding the free and unlimited coinage of silver on a basis of sixteen ounces of silver to one of gold, were aroused by the proposed desertion of the gold standard. It was pointed out that while Mr. Bryan's plan was quite similar to that now proposed, he wanted to have the United States adopt it "without reference to the other nations of the world," especially England, which was at that time opposed to bi-metallism because the stock of gold was then adequate for the credit structure of the world.

If the plan is put into effect, it will be after agreement has been reached by England, France and this country. Issues of fiat money by Germany have reached such a disparity to the gold stock on hand that no attention would have to be paid to that country in any arrangement made by the allies and the United States among themselves.

Prof. R. M. Raymond of Columbia university, a recognized authority in the practical mineral sciences, believes that the switch to a bi-metallism currency is inevitable.

"If there is a shortage of gold, it is a permanent one," he said. "The world cannot turn out more gold than it is producing now. Its mines are working at top-notch. South Africa and America never mined more gold than at present and Mexico is now producing near her maximum."

"The chances are that Mexican mines now running at full blast will last only a few more years. Alaska already has been pretty well picked over. While it is possible that new fields may yet be found in that country, up to the present time there are no indications of new spots to take the place of those now being worked out. It is probable that gold production will be diminished rather than increased. Siberia will mine more as it is opened, but that is some time in the future and it should be remembered that it will need this gold itself."

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED.

The Kaiser has forbidden musicians to play the "Carnival of Venice."—Tacoma Ledger.

No need of official order for an "eggless day"—the price has attended to that.—Atlanta Constitution.

The danger is that, if this thing keeps up, Nick Romanoff will begin to look pretty good to the Russians by comparison.—Cincinnati Commercial.

One good thing about the war is that it has succeeded in crowding out of the way lots of dirty little politics for the time.—Birmingham Ledger.

It isn't correct to say that declaration of a state of war with Austria-Hungary will "add" a certain number to the enemy aliens in this country. It will only result in the labeling of so many more.—Albany Journal.

## TONOPAH EXPLOITS OF RAY BAKER TOLD AT LENGTH IN AN EASTERN WEEKLY

The current issue of the Literary Digest contains a lengthy account of the adventures of Ray Baker, now director of the mint. The writer, Washington correspondent for the Pittsburgh Dispatch, was formerly employed by the Bonanza. He tells of how Baker, red tie, tilted sombrero and everything, liked out alone for Death Valley. For some time nothing was heard from him, then there was a rumor that a Greek was gunning for him. The story continues:

Into autos poured sheriffs and possees. Sheriff Jack Owens, a great friend of Ray, went from Tonopah. Days went by and nothing was heard of Ray or the murderer. Ray was not at the mine. He was in Death Valley somewhere; so was the Greek. Death Valley was well named. Its streams flowed with the copper content of the hills, carrying deadly poison in their waters. Down far below sea-level the floor of the valley lies between the Panamint and Funeral ranges, rising sheer to the sky. The floor was strewn with the bones of prospectors since the rush to Greenwater. If there be a pool of pure water in there it is known only to the few. We in Tonopah believed that Ray had shared the fate of many a desert rat who had lost his way in the Valley of Death, bewildered at first for want of water, then either drinking of the poisoned pools or becoming a raving maniac and dying the most horrible of deaths from thirst.

"Don't worry about the Greek," said Ed Malley, Tonopah's chief of police. "If Ray only knows he's looking for him he'll never get the drop on him."

Then came the 1907 panic. Baker went to Rawhide and "cleaned up." There he entertained Elynor Glyn, author of "Three Weeks." Later he managed Key Pittman's campaign. Then he went to Russia with Marye. The writer concludes:

And now Ray Baker, desert rat, mining man, traveler, society man, good "bad man," political Warwick, court favorite, dabbler in "war-babies," and diplomat, is director of the mint. And, girls, he's a bachelor, handsome, and still in his thirties, eligible, doesn't drink, and with a bankroll that would make Croesus turn over in his grave.

## BUSINESS NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED

VANDERLIP SAYS THAT LUXURIES WILL BE CURTAILED, NOT ABANDONED.

(By Associated Press.)

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 18.—The most that may be expected from a war-time economy campaign is curtailment of luxuries, not a complete abandonment, said Frank A. Vanderlip, national director of the war savings movement, in an address here yesterday. Consequently, he said, business will not be disorganized by even a well developed thrift campaign.

"In the first place," said Mr. Vanderlip, "this campaign of economy is not going to be 100 per cent efficient. There never was a crop approaching the crop that was produced this year in value, \$21,000,000,000, against \$8,000,000,000 the year the war broke out. Now, farmers with all this added income, are not going to be universally economical. The experience of England was that there was not dullness, but great activity, in luxuries. The best we can do will only be to hold down this activity in luxuries."

"No one needs to be alarmed that we are going to suddenly disorganize all business. If each and all of us will do our best with our own affairs and do our best to carry the lesson to others, we may open the workshops sufficiently for the government to perform the tremendous duty that is ahead of it. The great work of the day is to win this war."

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## XMAS FURLONGS ARE DISCOURAGED

NOT FORBIDDEN, SAYS BAKER, BUT TRANSPORTATION SITUATION IS OBSTACLE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Commanding officers at camps and cantonments have been instructed to discourage furloughs in large numbers for the Christmas holidays.

Secretary Baker today denied that Christmas furloughs had been forbidden entirely by the war department, but said they were discouraged because of transportation conditions and because training might be seriously affected if many men were absent.

"The people of the nation will bear this privation, I know," said the secretary, "in the same fine spirit which has characterized every previous response, when it is understood that the relieving of the railroads from this burden will enable them by so much to concentrate our energies and capacities for the transportation of our resources to the seaboard and to the battle front in France."

## SLEEPY TAP GETS FOUR MONTHS

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Axel Jansson, a sailor, was sentenced to four months in jail by Judge Morton in federal court yesterday on a charge of failing to obey orders and endangering a trans-Atlantic liner by going to sleep in the submarine zone while supposed to be on watch.

"If you were in the United States navy," said Judge Morton in imposing sentence, "you would be dead now."

The judge announced that in future cases of this kind he would impose the maximum penalty of one year.

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## NEW RULES FOR ENLISTMENTS

AVIATION, SIGNAL CORPS AND OTHER DIVISIONS STILL OPEN TO VOLUNTEERS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Provost Marshal General Crowder has issued to governors new rules under which men of draft age may join the colors at their own request. White men only will be accepted and they may enlist only in the infantry, signal corps, medical corps and quartermasters' department. Supply conditions are such, General Crowder said, that no men can be accepted in the coast artillery, field artillery, cavalry or engineers corps.

Volunteer enlistments in the regular army by men of draft age ended at noon last Saturday and they may be inducted into service now only through their local boards.

General Crowder's telegram specified these camps to which men accepted to the special service open to them may be sent:

Aviation section, signal corps, to Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.; land division, signal corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kas.; medical department, to medical officers' training camps, Fort Riley, Kas., by local boards west of the Mississippi river, and to the medical officers' training camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., by boards east of the Mississippi; quartermaster corps, Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.; ordnance department, Barikan Depot, Raridan, N. J.; infantry, to Fort McDowell, Cal., by local boards of Pacific coast states, and to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., by all other boards.

Transportation and subsistence except to the camps are to be furnished volunteers by the local boards.

## SUGAR PROBE BLOCKED.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Efforts of the food administration to bring out before the senate investigating committee its side of the story of Cuban raw sugar contracts were blocked by an announcement that the state department deemed inadvisable to discuss further the negotiations which resulted in these contracts.

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## NEW TODAY

### ORDINANCE NO. 43.

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF AND TRAFFIC OF ALL VEHICLES WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF TONOPAH, N.Y.E. COUNTY, NEVADA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY OF VIOLATION THEREOF AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF N.Y.E. COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA, sitting as a TOWN BOARD in and for the TOWN OF TONOPAH, as follows, to-wit:

Section I. **Speed Limit.**  
 No person shall operate a vehicle within the limits of the town of Tonopah at a rate of speed greater than one mile in five minutes.

Section II. **Mufflers.**  
 The practice of running motor vehicles with mufflers cut out or open is prohibited within the town limits of the town of Tonopah.

Section III. **Danger and Traffic Signs.**  
 It shall be unlawful to willfully deface, injure, move or otherwise interfere with any signs or other devices installed or erected for the purpose of directing or regulating traffic; or to fail to comply with the directions displayed upon them.

Section IV.

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Section V. **Traffic On Main Street.**  
 On Main street between its intersection with Florence avenue and Everett street and its point of intersection with St. Patrick street at Mispah avenue a vehicle must be driven on the right-hand side of the street in the direction in which the vehicle is traveling, and crossing from one side of the street to the other at any point other than at the street intersection is unlawful.

Section VI.  
 Vehicles must be parked against the curb at an angle not greater than forty-five degrees, and in the direction in which the vehicle is traveling; provided, that this shall not apply to vehicles while engaged in loading or unloading merchandise.

Section VII.  
 Parking within fifteen feet of any fire hydrant is prohibited and unlawful.

Section VIII.  
 It shall be unlawful to drive or ride a motor vehicle on same device thereon and in good working order for warning of approach. All bicycles must have bells thereon for the same purpose.

Section IX.  
 Parking in front of theaters during performances is prohibited.

Section X.  
 In the center of Main street opposite Bryan avenue and at the intersection of Main street with Brougher avenue and with Oddie avenue, respectively, a post not less than two feet high above the surface of the ground shall be erected, around which all vehicles in going from said Main street up a cross street to the left must turn, and around which all vehicles going into Main street from a cross street and going to the left must turn, and either of which all vehicles going up or down Main street must turn when it is desired to reverse the direction of traveling.

Section XI.  
 The rider of every bicycle shall turn to the right in meeting other vehicles, teams,

horses and persons moving or headed in an opposite direction, and turn to the left in passing other vehicles, teams, horses and persons moving or headed in the same direction.

Section XII.  
 It shall be unlawful for any vehicle of any kind to park on Brougher avenue between Main street and St. Patrick street, and on Brougher avenue between Main street and Mineral street.

Section XIII.  
 The filling of any gasoline or fuel tank while a motor or engine is running is prohibited.

Section XIV.  
 Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars or more than Fifty Dollars, or after the third offense by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or by both.

Section XV.  
 All Ordinances of the Town of Tonopah, or parts of Ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section XVI.  
 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the 21st day of December, 1917.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF N.Y.E. COUNTY, NEVADA.

H. B. DAVIS, Chairman.

THOS. LINDSAY, Chairman.

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